

# Key Passage Study

## Hebrews 10:24-25

### Key Passage

*(Commit passage to memory & write out things you learn from the passage, not taking anything else into account except what is said in the **key passage** itself).*

1. Christianity demands that we consider one another.
2. Our consideration of one another is to stir (incite, provoke, stimulate) each other up for good works.
3. Some were forsaking (abandoning) this responsibility.
4. We can stir each other up at our worship assemblies.
5. Negatively we are not to forsake the “assemblings.” Positively we are to exhort. Exhort runs with “stir” in v. 24.
6. Seeing the “day” approaching should stir us up to consider our brethren all the more.

### Context

*(Study context, verses before and after that relate to key passage, and write out what you learn from the context that helps you to properly understand the key passage).*

1. Immediate context is verses 19-25. Intermediate context is verses 19- 39. Extended context is flows from chapter 10-13.
2. Jesus’ sacrifice has perfected us (10:11, 14).
3. We have a new and living way to enter the Holiest (vv. 19, 20).
4. We should be driven to draw near with sincerity; we should be holding fast without wavering; we should be considering others (vv. 22 -24).
5. Forsaking is a prescription for spiritual *failure*.
6. Willful, highhanded, habitual sins nullifies Jesus’ sacrifice for us and results in condemnation rather than perfection (vv. 26-31)
7. These brethren were exhorted to recall their former days of adversity and of their commitment (vv. 32-34).
8. They were now in danger of casting away their reward and lacked endurance (vv. 35-39).

### Cross References

*(Find and study cross references and write out how they relate to the key passage).*

1. The original pattern—continual steadfastness (Acts 1: 13, 14, 2:1, 42; 20:7; ). This pattern was manifested in all disciples assembling together as often as they assembled (Acts 2:46). Every member at every service is required!
2. Jehovah’s religion requires us to consider others (1 Thess. 5:11, 14-15; Acts 11:29; Rom. 12:15; 15:1; Titus 3:8). The New Testament is itself an expression of God and His inspired men considering others (2 Thess. 3:9)
3. Teaching God’s word stirs us up. Peter taught God’s word and it was to stir them up (2 Pet. 1:12-15).
4. *Forsaking* or any kind of neglect and division of the body is sin (Jude v. 19).
5. The “day” (v. 25) is a *day* with much controversy. The reason the book was written was to show the better covenant, sacrifice, priesthood, etc. of Christ so that these Hebrew Christians would not revert back to Judaism. This would imply that it was written before 70 AD.
  - I therefore think that “day” *may* be the day of God’s judgment upon Jerusalem by Gentiles. If the temple was already conquered, there would seem to be little to attract Christians back to the Jewish economy. These Hebrew Christians would have known of and been watching and waiting for the fulfillment of Jesus’ words with much anticipation (Lk. 21:20-24).
  - The “day” could also mean the final “day of the Lord” or end (v. 29, 1 Thess. 5:1-5).
  - Some have offered, though unlikely, that it is the day of one falling away or of sin (Heb. 3:12-13).
  - Others have suggested that it is the “first day of the week.”
  - Still others have recommended the “day of one’s death.”

A day of judgment fits the best, either of Jerusalem or of the final judgment. The Hebrew writer is using such to press and motivate them to renew their commitment, obey and to fear the consequences of disobedience. Hebrews 12:29, “For our God is a consuming fire” and how much worse punishment awaits those who reject Jesus (10:29)

### Application

*(Write out how the key passage, with an understanding of the context and cross references, applies for us today).*

1. We can stir each other up by teaching.
2. This passage shows us how to promote fidelity and prevent apostasy.
3. This passage shows the falsehood of the idea that one can go “solo” for Christ without being a part of a regular assembling together of saints. Our personal relationship with Christ MUST have a part in a local work with others